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NAIROBI FOR OPIC PRESIDENT MARSHALL MAYS

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT : OLIN FRIGUIA (GUINEA)

REF: CONAKRY 0481

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1. DESPITE DIFFERENCE EXISTING BETWEEN GUINEA GOVT AND FOREIGN CONSORTIUM IN FRIGUIA OVER ONE THIRD RULE AND CONTRARY TO PREFERENCE EXPRESSED BY OLIN REPS, EMBASSY URGES THAT PRESIDENT MAYS PROCEED WITH VISIT AS PLANNED.

2. IN FIRST PLACT, CONTRARY TO IMPRESSION GIVEN STATE REFTEL, GUINEA GOVERNMENT HAS NOT REPEAT NOT TAKEN UNILATERAL ACTION AGAINST ONE THIRD RULE NOR HAS IT INDICATED ANY INTENTION OF DOING SO. AS REPORTED CONAKRY REFTEL, PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE SAID IN MARCH 15 SPEECH THAT IT WAS CERTAINLY NEXT MEETING OF FRIGUIA BOARD THAT COULD (PRESUMABLY WOULD) SETTLE THIS MATTER. HE ALSO REFERRED TO INCREASE GUINEA WOULD GET "WHILE AWAITING THIS DECISION" THUS CLEARLY SHOWING HIS UNDERSTANDING AND ACCEPTANCE THAT DECESION NOT MADE.

3. FURTHERMORE, IF GUINEA GOVT FEELS STRONGLY AND URGENTLY ENOUGH ABOUT ISSUE TO RAISE IT WITH MAYS, (WHICH NOT CERTAIN)

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KIND OF REPLY SUGGESTED STATE REFTEL PARA 10 MORE LIKELY THAN

ANYTHING ELSE TO HAVE BENEFICIAL EFFECT IN HELPING GUINEANS
FOCUS ON POINTS WE MAY WISH TO MAKE AND THEY MAY HAVE OVER-
LOOKED.

4. ALSO SINCE OPIC MAY HAVE TO MAKE A DECISION ON THIS
MATTER, IT WOULD SEEM VERY USEFUL FOR MAYS TO HEAR GUINEAN
VIEWS AT FIRST HAND (IF THEY TAKE INITIATIVE IN RAISING ISSUE)
AND TO BE ABLE MAKE PERSONAL ASSESSMENT.

5. ON BALANCE THEREFORE, AND PARTICULARLY SINCE PRESIDENT SEKOU
TOURE PERSONALLY AND GUINEA GOVT OFFICIALLY INFORMED OF MAYS
VISIT, IT IS HIGHLY DESIRABLE AND IMPORTANT THAT VISIT TAKE
PLACE AS SCHEDULED.

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